

WASHINGTON - House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers, R-Kentucky, has appointed Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, to the House Appropriations subcommittees on Defense and Financial Services. Rep. Bonner also will retain his seat on the Commerce, Science, Justice subcommittee on Appropriations for the 112th Congress.

“Congressman Bonner’s reputation as a hardworking lawmaker who puts his country first will make him a valuable addition to the Defense and Financial Services subcommittees,” said Chairman Hal Rogers. “The next two years will be challenging ones as Congress faces tough decisions over federal spending priorities. Jo Bonner’s leadership and experience as a consensus builder will be beneficial to this process.”

Congressman Bonner noted the impact of the two new subcommittees on the national debate over the economy and their importance to Alabama.

“I am deeply honored to have been selected to serve on the Defense and Financial Services subcommittees where I can give South Alabama a greater voice in matters relating to our national defense, federal treasury and banking policy,” Congressman Bonner said.

The appointment to the Defense Appropriations subcommittee is particularly significant in that it represents the first time an Alabama Republican has sat on the subcommittee since First District Congressman Jack Edwards of Mobile held a seat on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee in the 1970's and 1980's. Congressman Edwards served as the subcommittee's Ranking Member.

"With an increasing emphasis on the growth of the defense industry in South Alabama, and given Alabama's substantial military infrastructure and defense-related employment state wide, I believe my new assignment on this subcommittee will provide significant benefit to our state and region in the coming years.

"I'm also pleased to have been selected to serve on the Financial Services subcommittee which has jurisdiction over a number of federal agencies playing key roles in our economy, including the Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget, Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, to name but a few.

"I will retain my seat on the Commerce Science Justice subcommittee which oversees a number of federal agencies important to our local and state economy, including the Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA," Bonner added.

For the 112th Congress, Rep. Bonner has also been appointed to serve as chairman of the

House Committee on Ethics.
on December 29.

He was named chairman by Speaker John Boehner
Rep. Bonner served as Ranking

Member of the Ethics Committee during the 111th

Congress.

Congressman Bonner was first elected to represent Alabama's First Congressional District in 2002 and on January 5, 2011, was sworn in to his fifth term of office.